The Masonic Meetings Last Week.

The annual visitation to the Masonic lodges of the place by District Deputy Grand Master Cowles of Brattleboro last week, was an occasion of much more than ordinary pleasure of such gatherings. A large gathering of members of the fratern; ty on Thursday evening witnessed the working of the first degree by King Solomon's lodge, and at its close Mr. Cowles commended the class of work done in a very appreciative manner. Friday even-ing a much larger gathering was present when King Solomon's lodge worked the third degree, there being about 175 in the third degree, there being about 175 in the hall. Remarks were made by a number of the members of the grand lodge, who were present, and at 10:30 about 135 members of the order sat down to one of Landlord Bowtelle's first banquets, and it was an excellent one, well served. The menus were fine specimens of the printer's art, and ware inscribed "With Compliments of the were inscribed "With Compliments of the Truax Printing Company." W. A. Truax was justly credited as having worked hard in attention to the details of the meeting, and to him was due, in a large degree, the sand to him was due, in a large degree, the success of the meeting. The post prandial exercises were not completed until nearly 2 o'clock, Geo. B. Wheeler acting as toast master. Among those responding to the various sentiments were Capt. W. H. Taylor, Chas. H. Williams, L. M. Read, Geo. A. Weston, Dennison Cowles of Brattleboro, C. H. Robb and Rev. Albert Hammatt. An unpleasant feature of the evening was the necessity for the early departing was the necessity for the early departure of the Springfield and Charlestown brethren on account of the train leaving at too early an hour to allow them to en-joy the speaking after the banquet.

Christmas trade has been very late in beginning this year, and not until this week have people, or the different acores, seemed to wake up to the idea that Christmas is just at our doors. It has been a very busy week, all places of business being crowded to their utmost capacity, and merchants report a fine Christmas trade. merchants report a fine Christmas trade.
Unusual taste has been displayed in the
window decorations. C. E. Whitman has
an unusually unique design, which, when
the store is lighted in the evening presents the appearance of a sun rise.

The extending of the double track of the Boston & Maine railroad to Claremont Junction is progressing rapidly, although the work is an expensive one owing to the formation of the land. For over 10 years they have had their track doubled from here north as far as Springfield Station, or about 10 miles, and work has been in progress upon the other eight during most of the summer. It is nearly all graded and the rails are laid about half of the way, so the construction trains pass over it, but it is not open to regular traffic, and will not be until late in the spring. The improve-ment is one which will materially simplify the handling of the large number of trains between here and Claremont Junction, especially during the summer months.

Vermont Cookery is the title of a very at-Vermont Cookery is the title of a very attractive and practical cook book just issued by the women of the Congregational church. The proceeds from its sale are to help them in the payment of the \$1200 they pledged toward the parsonage fund. Eighteen different departments are edited by as many different women, while "the best of the wine for the last of the beast" is gathered into an appendix. With only a few exceptions the receipts are those in use by women of the society, and all thoroughly tested and reliable. It is bound in a tasteful cover and makes a useful and valuable ful cover and makes a useful and valuable addition to the culinary department of any household. Being issued at this time it makes a suggestion as a Christmas present.

Next Friday night the third number on the popular lecture course is a monologue by Edward H. Frye.

The agency of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company is to meet with a change. B. A. Burns, who has been in charge for some months, is to be transferred to Char-

J. L. Hackett has this week sold his entire stock of boots and shoes on Canal street to the firm of Keane & Harty, who have been in business on Rockingham street a few months. The business is all to be carried on at the Canal street store, moving there about the middle of January, and they will take the name of the Boston store at that time.

Mrs. Clara B. Willson was last Tuesday married to Frank B. Jenness at the home of her mother on Henry street, Rev. E. E. Marggraf performing the ceremony. The couple left in the afternoon for a short trip, and will later make their home in the new dwelling being erected on South street by George H. Babbitt. Mr. Jen-ness is the leader of Beedle's orchestra of Keene, but will reside here for the present.

The hardware firm of L. G. & C. E. Howard, which has been so well known as a leading firm in town for many years, will cease after Jan. 1, and the business be merged into the Howard Hardware com pany. Both of the Howards retain an in-terest in the business, and their three Both of the Howards retain an inclerks, F. B. Lyen, G. D. Parker and J. C. Dennison, will become stockholders in the concern. This is a merited advancement of the young men and a graceful thing for the old firm to do in the advancement of their employes of so many years'

Edward H. Geno of Proctor, who some years since was an employe of the Fall Mountain Paper company, and was caught upon a shaft and seriously injured, has just had one of his legs amputated at the Mary Fletcher hospital at Burlington. Mr. Geno is remembered locally because of having brought suit against the Fall Mountain Paper company in the Rutland county court, securing a verdict of \$5000 damages, which verdict was approved by the su-preme court and paid after a long legal struggle. After he came in possession of his share of the \$5000 (which, however, was small after paying his legal fees,) he gave a grand reception to the people of Proctor, celebrating his victory. It is not known whether the loss of his leg was due to accident or disease.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Austin was celebrated Wednesday, at their home between here and Saxtons River village. The members of the family, and relatives from a dis-tance, partook of a dinner at 2 o'clock and a reception to friends occurred in the even-One man was present in the evening who was with them the day they were married, 50 years ago, William E. Henry of Fitchburg, Mass. Col. and Mrs. A. A. Hall of St. Albans, and their son were also present and Mr. Hall spoke very feelingly of the years of the past, and of hopes for the future. Mrs. Hall is a daughter of the worthy couple. Mr. Austin has for many years been prominently identified with the Masonic history of Windham county, always taking a deep interest in everything pertaining to the order. He has been a Mason over 40 years, for 11 years master of Blazing Star lodge of Townshend, and member of the grand lodge of Vermont a member of the grand lodge of vermon-15 years. They have lived in this town about 17 years, having come here from Athens. A large number of warm friends who could not be present sent hearty congratulations, and the milestone was well marked in the memories of all who partie-

HI Henry's minstrels were at the opera

The marriage of Dr. Frank H. O'Con nor of this place and Miss Bridget Kelley of Burlington will be celebrated in the cathedral in that city Dec. 26.

Tracy Leonard is to have charge of the newly furnished billiard rooms in Town's hotel, which were opened to the public Wednesday. They are in very attractive ondition in all respects.

A young lady student of the Northfield training school has been sent up to work for the present in Cambridgeport, and meetings are being conducted by her in the church at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Osgood and their lit-tic daughter will spend their Christmas in Bradford in honor of the 50th anniver-sary of the marriage of Gov. and Mrs. Roswell Farnham, the parents of Mrs. Os-

his home here for the present, and both he and his mother are receiving many expressions of sympathy in the unfortunate situation of the Brattleboro paper mill

Geo. F. Davis is this week selling his entire millinery stock at auction, and intends going to New York city to engage in the same class of work. Last season he sold his stock out at prices much less than cost, giving the impression he was to go out of business, and then opened up again.

Next Tuesday evening the debate of the Young Men's club will be upon the justice, r otherwise, of the present war in South Africa. The audience may expect to hear some spicy debate, and much solid information in great chunks upon the two sides, which are each, to say the least, debatable.

The Dartmonth Glee club, which was to have come here Wednesday night, as an assistance to the funds of the High School Oracle, did not come, and their concert has been "indefinitely postponed." The cause was probably the failure of the school to make the senior class entertainments pay, and it was not thought wise to run further risks.

Mrs. Hetty Green of New York has been stopping at Town's hotel since Wednesday evening, being here upon matters of busi-ness. She says the report as to the loss of her son's steam launch in a storm off the Texas coast a month ago was unfounded as she has heard from "Ned" both by telegraph and mail since the great storm which was so destructive. She attributes the origin of the story to the wish of reporters to scare her.

The confectionery and ice-cream store of Ernest R. Ball was sold at auction Monday asleep on the train and was carried as far afternoon to George B. Wheeler for only as South Royalton. He returned to the \$900. The sale was to satisfy a mort- Junction on the down train, which does \$900. The sale was to satisfy a mort-gage of \$1500 held by Mr. Wheeler. It is understood that Mr. Ball is a large loser by his venture, caused to a large degree by having to move, during the summer, to a much less advantageous location for so many months, while the block was being rebuilt. Mr. Ball has the sympathy of all citizens in his misfortune. He is now running the store for Mr. Wheeler. The store has recently been newly fitted and refurnished, making it one of the most at-tractive in the village. It ought to make a financial success under present circum-stances and surroundings.

A large amount of sympathy is felt in the hard luck which attended the senior class of the Bellows Fails High school in presenting their play of "Bobbie Shaftee" last week. They played to poor houses and lost heavily by the venture through which they had expected to realize a fair addition to their graduating express fund. I was an expensive play to produce, a much heavier one than they should have attempt ed, but they made a plucky fight for suc cess. They were billed for Thursday at Friday evenings, and then added a matine Saturday afternoon as well as another ev ning's presentation. The result was loss after months of hard work i preparing and rehearsing. Should they a tempt some other method of raising fund they will have strong support because their unfortunate results with this.

Next Monday evening the Sunday school connected with St. Charles Roman Catho ic church are to give a Christmas festive in Union hall, and will present a cantat entitled "Santa Claus's Delight," From huge Christmas tree presents will be di tributed during the evening to the men bers of the school and their friends. The exercises are to open at 6 o'clock. The same evening the Methodist church will hold their Christmas tree exercises, commencing at 7 o'clock. At the Baptist church the same evening the exercises will be at 7:30, and at the Congregational church the festival begins at 7. All the churches will have the usual Christmas observance Sunday, the most of them having special programs and special music. All the stores of the village are to close throughout the day.

The Austin Golden Wedding Celebration at Saxions River.

Mr. and Mrs. John Austin, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in Saxtons River Wednesday, were married in Athens, Vt. Dec. 20, 1849, at the residence of the bride's father, Amos Davis, the ceremony being performed by Rev. David Hill of Cambridgeport.

Mr. Austin was the only child of Dr. John Austin of Newfane, a famous physician who was one of the pioneers of his profession in Southern Vermont. His nother, Minerva Priest of Cambridge, Mass., was a noted singer and a member of the Boston Handel and Haydn society in its early days. Dr. Austin moved to Athens when John was a boy and there he received his education at the public schools, followed by a course at both Leland and Gray seminary at Townshend

and Black River academy, Ludlow. For over a quarter of a century Mr. and Mrs. Austin lived at Newfane. While living there over 40 years ago he joined the Masonic lodge at Townshend. He was master of his lodge for 11 years and a member of the grand lodge of Vermont 14

Mrs. Austin was the youngest daughter of Squire Amos Davis of Athens, who was prominently identified with the early history of the town. She was educated at Leland and Gray seminary, under Prof. L. F. Ward, who at that time conducted the largest and most prosperous school in

Mr. and Mrs. Austin have been blessed with three children, Emogene M., wife of J. H. McClarence, superintendent of the Draper company of Hopedale, Mass.; Ab-bie L., wife of Col. A. A. Hall of St. Albans, and Harry J., who lives at home' and is chief clerk of the Central Vermont

division office at Bellows Falls. A reception was given to a large circle of friends in Saxtons River and adjoining towns Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Austin were assisted in receiving by their children, and letters of congratulation were read by Col. A. A. Hall of St. Albans. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and dainty refreshments were served. The elderly couple were the recipients of many useful and elegant gifts.

SAXTONS RIVER. Edward Pettengill came home on Friday

Miss Grace Chapin will spend the holi-days with her sister in Columbus, Ohio. Miss Mabel Bemis came home on Tues day from her school work at Newport,

Mrs. Dr. Campbell, we are pleased to re-port, is gradually regaining her usual Dr. Bloggett is refitting his office, the better to accommodate both himself and

Miss Nellie Stearns and Miss Helen Petlengill received hearty welcome home from ilege on Tuesday.

his patients.

Prof. Walter Smith announces his approaching marriage at Galva, Illinois, at high noon, Jan. 1, 1900. Our public schools closed their fall term on Saturday last, with very pleasing exer-cises in Miss Tracy's room. Teachers and pupils of Vermont Academy take a recess over the holidays from Thursday of this week.

The services next Sunday at the churches vill reflect the joy of Christmas time. In Edgar F. Carruthers of Brattleboro is at is home here for the present, and both he mas concert. A cordial invitation to all. Seats free.

> Friday evening the band give their annual concert at Odd Fellows' hall. The band has made fine progress in the last month and merit abundant encouragement. No doubt they will have a large audience

Monday evening at the Baptist vestry a supper will be furnished the children in, ieu of Christmas trees. At the Congregational church on Monday evening a happy time is expected. Fairles and Brownies will bring presents from hidden ports. There will be music and other exercises.

The marriage on Wednesday of John Piddock and Miss Helen Campbell of West-minster West very greatly interested their many friends of this village. Miss Grace Williams, just home from Boston, at-tended the wedding and played the wed-ding march. Mrs. Israel Warner and Wil-liam Warner were questa at the wedding. liam Warner were guests at the wedding.

Wednesday evening at their home Mr. and Mrs. John Austin celebrated with their children and grandchildren and im-mediate friends their golden wedding. It goes without saying that Mr. and Mrs Austin are most highly esteemed among us. They may be assured of the congratulations and best wishes of their neighbors and friends at this golden epoch of their

Eugene Woodard of Hartford, this state, alleges that early Friday he was assaulted and robbed just outside of White River Junction. His story is that while return ing from a visit to this village he fel not stop at Hartford, and reached the Junction about 3:30 A. M. He started to reach home on foot and when near the lower ice house of the Central Vermont railway two men attacked him. When he recovered from the effects of the encounter he found himself lying on the end of the ties close to one of the rails. He managed to reach home between 4 and 5 o'clock. and in the evening was able to be out and gave his version of the affair to the au-thorities. There is no clue to the alleged robbers. Mr Woodard's pocket book and loose change were taken by his assailants.

WESTMINSTER.

New Yoll mas in the Library. The following volumes have been added

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h	Wormwood,	
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ta	The Workers, The West,	
7	Mr. Dooley in the Hearts of his Countrymen.	
2	Santa Claus's Partner,	Page
8-	Hope, The Hermit,	Lyan
n-	The Helr of Sherburn,	Douglass
ne	Square Pegs,	Whitney
	The Day's Work,	Kiplies
he.	David Harum,	Westcot

Miss Kidder of Newport, N. H., is visit ng her cousin, Miss Mary Tenney. O. L. Fisher went to New York last

week to visit his daughter, Mrs. Asa Davis. Miss Cora A. Fisher is at home from her school in Springfield during the holi-

Christmas tree for the children on Satur-day evening at the town hall. It has been decided to have the church

roll-call and supper on Jan. 4, at which time the various committees will tender their reports regarding the church work. B. F. Sleeper has bought a barn of H. S. Cody, and for a number of days has had several men at work removing it to his home. In the spring Mr. Sleeper will

have it erected and use it as a Mrs. A. J. Stoddard, the widow of Hon. Abisha Stoddard, died Wednesday evening from a cancer. Mrs. Stoddard was a mem-ber of the Congregational church of this town and had always lived in this village. The funeral will be on Satu:day at 1 o'clok at her late residence.

Rev. P. F. Barnard officiated at the funeral of Mrs. C. P. Whitney, which was held on Sunday afternoon at the residence of her son-in-law, F. A. Atwood. Mrs. Whitney had been a sufferer for several years from heart disease. She leaves a husband and four daughters, Mrs. F. A. Atwood, Mrs. Gould of Windham, Mrs. Joslin of Westboro, Mass., and Mrs. Weatherbee of Bellows Falls.

Thrown from a Buggy and Killed.

Alfred Jones of Warren, traveling agent for Deil Brothers, portrait artists, of Littleton, N. H., was thrown from a buggy Wednesday afternoon in Warren Hunting-ton's yard in Washington. His skull was fractured and he died at 11 o'clock Wednesday night without regaining conscious-ness. Mr. Dell was with him at the time, as they were delivering orders. Mr. Deil was uninjured. Mrs. Jones was in Barre when the accident occurred, but reached her husband's bedside as quickly as possible. Mr. Jones was 35 years old, and had always enjoyed an excellent reputation. Mr. Dell has an office in Barre and he and Jones left there the morning of the

When does the new century begin? That apparently simple question is per-plexing some pretty big minds. President Eliot of Harvard says in 1901. President Hadley of Yale says the same, but President Hazard of Wellesley says in 1900, and in this opinion she is supported by President Seelye of Smith. Can it really be that our colleges for women are a little be-hind times?—[Springfield Union.

IN THE BOSTON MARKETS.

Quotations on the Leading Products In Demand.

Boston, Dec. 21.-There is no material change to note in the butter market from last week. As usual near the close of the year buyers have been slow to opgrate beyond immediate wants, and this in connection with the financial flurry makes a dull market. Produce dealers. as a rule, are in sound condition,

The western markets are reported steady, with a small make of butter in all directions. The increased use of oleo margarine seems to have interfered with the consumption of butter in the west, and this may have its effect later on, when the production of butter increases, but at present there is no more genuine butter offering than is wanted by the

For the finest lots of Vermont, New Hampshire and western fresh creamery 27 cents is the ruling price, with now and then a fancy small lot of assorted sizes at 2714 cents. Most of the receivers of northern butter consider 27 cents a top price, and some of them are not cleaning up well at that. Grades not up in quality are offered lower, say at 26 cents

with a slow sale. June creamery is in fair demand at 24 to 25 cents, and a few small lots of fancy are reported at 25% cents, but for the bulk of the offerings 25 cents is a full rate. Some pretty good lots, that had been held at 25 cents, were sold at 2414 cents. The best of the cold storage stock is going rapidly into consumption. and when it is used up there will be more demand for fresh.

Jobbers continue to quote at 28 to 29 cents for tubs and 29 to 20 cents for boxes. and with the light supplies offering in wholesale circles, there is no indication of prices being any lower.

There is nothing new to note in the cheese situation. A firm tone is maintained, with about the usual demand at this time of year. Sales of September twins run along at 13 cents, with a few fancy makes at a higher rate. For other fall makes the range is 12 to 12% cents. Holders are confident in their views, and look for a larger trade after the holidays.

The Montreal cheese market is re ported as firm as a rock, with sales at 111/2 to 12 cents. London advices give quotation of 59 to 60 shillings for finest.

The tone of the market for fresh eggs has been rather tame, with prices barely maintained. Stale fall eggs and most of the storage lots offered have been slow of sale, and for these the market is in a very unsatisfactory condition. The finest fresh eastern com-mand 25 to 27 cents, with new laid at 30 cents, but ordinary eastern move off as slowly as western. Choice fresh gathered western have been selling at 24 to 25 cents, but only a small portion of the receipts come up to this standard Most offered range from 19 to 22 cents. Storage lots range from 14 to 15 cents per dozen, and only choice April pack-ing bring over 14 cents. The large quantities sent here from country warehouses have depressed the market, and values may be considered at almost entirely normal.

The pork market is firmer, especially on lard, which is higher. Quotations are very firm.

Beef continues quiet in this market, with the west very firm. Shippers find that they are losing heavily on beef shipped to B ston, and this will be likely to further decrease shipments here, especially during the Christmas trade. The mutton market continues dull.

with prices easy. The supply is very The weather is much more favorable, however. Lambs, 5@7c: Brightons and eastern, 667%c; yearlings, 4%66c; muttons, 4%66c; fancy and Brightons, 6@7c; veals, 6@10c; fancy Brightons, 9@

The weather is decidedly in favor of the poultry market, and the Christmas trade is approaching. Dealers are disposed to hold good lots firmly, and prices are stronger, although trade is quiet. Choice northern turkeys, 14@17c; western, 109714c; northern chickens, 13977c fowls, 114612c; western chickens, 106 121/2c; fowls, 9@12c; green duck, 10@12c; green grese, 10@12c; live fowls, 869echickens, 85710c.

The supply of birds in the game market is moderate, and so has been the demand for a week. The receipts have been very moderate. Of venison, the supply is a little better, though by no

The apple market is a little firmer, on better weather and smaller receipts. Quotations are firmer on best stock, and such stock is bringing better prices. Gravensteins, \$3@3.50; Baldwins, \$2@ 2.75; greenings, \$2@2.50; kings, \$2.50@3; spies. \$2@4; Tolman sweets, \$2@2.50; snows, \$2.506\$3.50; No. 2 and mixed varieties, \$1@1.50; jobbing and fancy lots, 50c@\$1.50 per barrel more.

No native grapes have come in for a week, and it is thought that there are but very few more to come. There are a few pony Catawbas on the market, for which 14@15c is anked.

Potatoes are firmer than a week ago, with a better trade. Sweets are firmer, with Virginias about out of the market. Aroostook hebrons, 60@63c; Green mountains, 63@65c; northern white and Green mountains, 55@60c; Virginia sweets, nominal, \$2.25@2.50; double heads, \$2.75@ per barrel.

Onlons are firmer, with some sellers declaring that they will not sell at quo-They ask \$1.50 per barrel. Barrels, jobbing, \$1,25; boxes, 60c. Celery is quoted at wide range, as to

condition and quality, say \$1@2 per dozen. Spinach is more plenty at 50c per bushel, with barrels quoted at \$1.25@ 1.50. Cauliflowers are at wide range, and jobbing at 50c@1.50.

Lettuce sells at \$1@1.50 per box. Radlahes are quoted at \$1.25 per box. Cab-bages are quoted at \$1.25 per barrel, with Savoy at \$1. Cucumbers are much firmer at \$12 per 100. Turnips are quoted at about \$1.25 per

barrel for yellow; white, \$1@1.25; boxes, 35@40c; beets, 50c; carrots, 50c; paranips, Mint jobs at \$1.25 per dozen; cress, 50c

per dozen; parsley, 50c per bushel.

Levi H. Cobb, executor of the will of Sarah Aldrich, formerly of East Northfield. has filed a petition in the probate court at Greenfield for permission to pay the costs and expenditures incurred in the superior court before being compelled to pay debts or legacies. These expenses amount to about \$600. Mrs. Aldrich at one time was worth about \$75,000. She gave away her proper ty very largely to missionary societies and for religious purposes. At her death her remaining property was given for religious purposes. Her heirs brought suit, but the case was dropped when it reached the suChristmas Offerings.

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Harvard Mufflers

Latest out, 50c to \$1.50.

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Nobby styles, 25c to \$1.

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Best in town, 50c to \$4.

Hats and Caps

50e to \$3.

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PERRY.

GRAFTON.

Hartford, Conn.

recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. White. There was no service at the Congregational church last Sunday, Mr. Leach being unable to come up as usual.

Fred Merrifield and family have moved here from Brookline to live with W. S. Eaton. Mr. Merrifield will find employment in Mr. Eaton's store.

Mrs. Stella Wilbur of Hartford, Conn. and Willis White and wife of Greenville N. H., were called here by the death of their father, W. L. White.

Mrs. Ella R. Davis, wife of Lysander Davis, died on Monday, Dec. 18, after only a few days' illness from pneumonia. She was devoted to her family and will be sad ly missed by her husband, children and grandchildren

Willard L. White, who died at his home here on Thursday, Dec. 14, was a native and lifelong resident of this town. He belonged to a generation of sturdy, hard-working men, of whom but few remain. For more than 50 years he had been a member of the Baptist church, rejoicing in her prosperity and mourning over her declension. He had a large place in his heart for children, whom he was wont to counsel to live good and worthy lives. He was a good husband and father, an exem-plary Christian, a respected citizen. Born Feb. 26, 1823, he had more than filled the threescore years and ten allotted to human life, and having fulfilled his course, after but a few hours' struggle with the last enemy he won the victory and passed to

WESTMINSTER WEST.

The Piddock-Campbell Wedding.

John E. Piddock of Hartford, Conn. was married Wednesday evening to Miss Helen L. Campbell, at the residence of F. G. Campbell. A few only of the nearer relatives were present, but the company was a merry one. Everything connected with the occasion passed off in a very happy manner. Wm. J. Ballou, a member of Hartford seminary, acted as best man, and Miss Mary, sister of the bride, as her bridemaid. Mr. Piddock and Mr. Ballou were graduates of the same class at

A large number of gifts from relatives and friends were shown. After a few days spent in a short wedding trip and with relatives elsewhere the youthful couple are to sall from New York, Jan. 3, for what is to be their home upon a large plantation in Southern Mexico. Two young men, their wives and children, are to go with them, or join them there, with the design of developing the plantation, which consists of many thousands of acres. There is a large amount of mahogany timber growing upon it, which the company propose to market, and also to cultivate upon the cleared land, chocolate, rice, vanilla and chief of all, probably, the rubber tree, which is said to grow finely in that locality. For the present, at least, they will be 60 miles from the nearest town where there is a post-office and facilities for shopping, etc.

There is to be a Christmas concert on Sunday evening, arranged by a committee appointed from the Sunday school.

Most of our students away at school are expected home for the holidays. Some have already come and others will by the last of the week.

Miss Nellie G. Cutting has a week's vacation and will come home on Saturday. She is engaged for the remainder of the year in the same school in Hamilton, Mass. W. B. Cutting was informed Monday of the serious illness of his elder brother in Green River, and started to go at once,

Phineas Parker left on Monday last for lartford, Conn. Albert C. White of Saginaw, Mich., has scently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Your Christmas gift we mention below some of the many useful and attractive things with which our store is filled. In connection with the many goods which we have always carried including:

> Chamber suits, brass and iron beds, cribs, mattresses and pillows, dining, parlor and library tables, carpets, linoleums, oil cloths, straw matting, door mats, hassocks, office and parlor desk's, book and combination cases, chairs in endless variety, hall racks and costumers, sideboards, couches, lounges, carpet sweepers, footstools, medicine and wall cabinets, bookshelves, music cabinets, curtains, chenille and tapestry draperies, etc., we have recently placed on sale an extensive and well assorted line of handsomely decorated lamps, with the many new things in pictures, including many of the now colored photograph medallions, easels and screens, among the latter are many handsome tapestry designs, reed work baskets, decorated metal mounted mantel mirrors, sleds, doll carriages and go-carts, rocking horses, smyrna and velvet rugs and many other goods which help make a visit to our store a chance which the Christmas shopper should not miss.

Saturday we will give A Special Discount Ballou were graduates of the same class at Vermont Academy and also at Brown uni-

As we had a very large stock of these goods and wish to close them out as closely as possible.

HACKLEY & MORAN.

Ullery Building.

out did not arrive until after his brother's

The mission board had an entertainment and sale of the articles they have made on Thursday evening. Mrs. Starkey and the girls of the Westminster home were pres-

ent and furnished the entertainment. One of the lady workers from the Trainng school at Northfield, Miss Dean, is to be with us until the opening of another term there on Jan. 5. She has good recommendation from the principal of the school. Meetings will be held as often as practicable during the time she is with us, prob-ably nearly every day next week, either in

the afternoon or evening. The regular meeting of Maple Grove grange for the election of officers will occur Thursday evening, Dec. 28. Let every patron make an effort to be present. A vote

was taken at the last meeting that all patrons wishing to invite friends to the annual festival get permission of the following committee: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ormsby. Word was received Wednesday of the

death of Herbert Hall, formerly of this place, in Denver, Col., where he went to live some four years since on account of his health. He was employed for many years in the large mercantile establishment of Forbes & Wallace in Springfield, Mass. from which failing health obliged him to retire. Now the whole family of the late E. B. Hall have passed away within about ten years.